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1. INTERIOR GREATLY APPRECIATES RECEIVING EMBASSY ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE PLANNING SUBJECT MISSION AND RECEIVING SUBSEQUENT AIRGRAM REFERENCED PARAGRAPH 4, REFTEL (D).

2. INTERIOR TEAM AWAITS FURTHER EMBASSY WORD BUT PROCEEDING TENTATIVE PLANS FOR MISSION JANUARY 13-26, 1974.

3. MR. KENT BEBB, BUREAU OF RECLAMATION, AND DR. JAMES SLATER, DISCUSSED POTENTIALS U.S.-INDIA JOINT COOPERATION WITH DR. K.L. RAO, MINISTER IRRIGATION AND POWER, DURING MINISTER'S SEPTEMBER U.S. VISIT. DR. RAO ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT JOINT WORK AND OFFERED SEVERAL HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS. HE NOTED HYDROLOGY
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AND WATER DIVERSION RESEARCH RATE HIGH PRIORITY IN DR. RAO'S

MINISTRY. INTERIOR TEAM WILL HAVE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION
EXPERT TO IDENTIFY MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RESEARCH AREAS AND
JOINT PROJECTS.

4. INTERIOR NOTES WILDLIFE AND PARKS, INCLUDING NATURAL AND
HISTORIC AREAS, NOT INCLUDED IN LIST FIELDS GIVEN IN PARAGRAPH
2, REFTTEL (D). HERETOFORE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE EXPERT
INCLUDED IN MISSION PLANS. FURTHER, DR. RAO MADE PARTICULAR
MENTION ENDANGERED INDIAN WILDLIFE AS FRUITFUL AREA JOINT
WORK. DOES EMBASSY SUGGEST THESE FIELDS CONTINUE BE INCLUDED?
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